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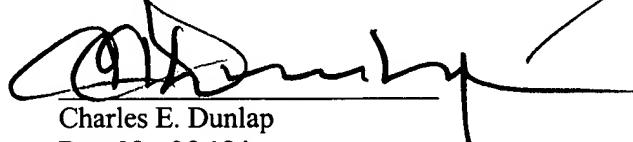
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This paper is submitted as a preliminary amendment in the above-identified case, which is a divisional of copending Serial No. 09/171,948, which in turn is a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. §371 of PCT/GB97/01173. It is respectfully requested that Claims 1-42 and 45-106 be cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

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This Preliminary Amendment is filed concurrently with the filing of the patent application identified above for entrance into the national phase in the United States based on International Application No. PCT/GB97/01173, filed April 30, 1997. It is respectfully requested that the application be amended as requested below and that the application be examined on the merits.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

An ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE is provided on a separate sheet as provided in

37 CFR §1.72(b). It is respectfully requested that the ABSTRACT be entered into the case.